



**Rhode Island Department of Transportation
Providence Foundation Meeting
November 8, 2006**

**GREATER
PROVIDENCE
CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE**
FOUNDED IN 1868



I-195 Progress So Far



- 5 Major Ongoing Construction Contracts
 - Total value of contracts: \$244 Million
 - Floated Providence River Bridge into place





I-195 Progress Continued



- Other Progress
 - Started erecting steel for interchange ramps
 - Began work on 50-foot wide pedestrian bridge
 - Relocated 54-inch Sewer line
 - Finished Point Street Bridge





I-195 Progress Continued



- **Interim Shoring Contract**
 - Temporarily repairing 6 bridges, including the existing Providence River Bridge
 - Contract cost: \$5.6 Million





Contract 10/11



- Construct I-195 Mainline - Traverse St. to Washington Bridge (0.4 miles, 8 Lanes)
- Construct I-95 Mainline - Eddy St. to Westminster St. (0.8 miles, 8 Lanes)
- Will shift all traffic onto new Providence River Bridge and ramps
- Reconstruct surrounding city streets
- Demolish Wickenden Street and Friendship Street bridges
- Advertise Spring 2007, complete 2010
- Contract cost: \$62.2 million



What's Ahead



- **The 5 remaining construction contracts**
 - **Totaling approximately \$112 million (including Contract 10/11)**
- **Future Milestones**
 - **Point Street Bridge open to traffic – End of November 2006**
 - **I-95 NB to I-195 EB open to traffic – End of 2007**
 - **I-95 SB to I-195 EB open to traffic – End of 2008**
 - **I-195 WB open to traffic – 2009**
 - **Complete demolition and city streets – 2012**
- **Land available for re-use**
 - **Total land available: 34.9 acres**
 - **Net land for development: 19.2 acres**



Washington Bridge

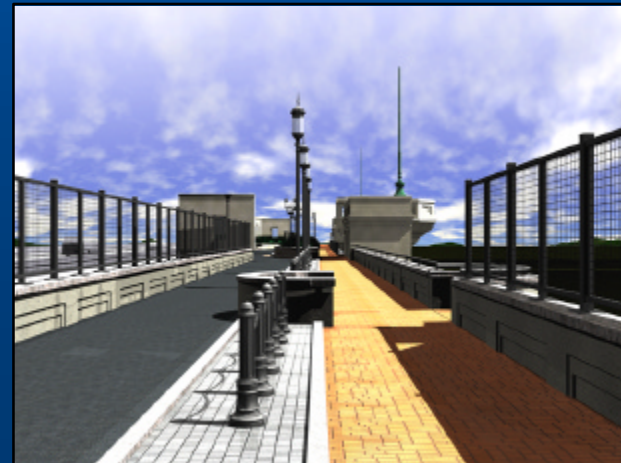
- Replace with 2 new bridges
 - New I-195 Eastbound and Linear Park Bridge
- Project cost: \$75 Million
- Contract I: New I-195 East Bound Bridge
 - 5 lanes total, 3-thru lanes and 2 exit lanes
 - Traffic was shifted onto new bridge on September 8, 2006
 - Finish bridge by end of 2008





Washington Bridge Continued

- **Contract II: Linear Park Bridge**
 - Maintains historical bridge façade
 - New pedestrian landscaped promenade with dedicated bike path
 - Detour route for existing bike path will be provided during bridge closure
 - Complete by 2011-2012





Veterans Memorial Auditorium

- Streetscape and landscaping enhancements
 - Created plaza, roadway reconstruction, sidewalks, lighting, utilities, and landscaping
- Partnering with Sage Hospitality Resources who are working on new Renaissance Hotel
 - Collaborated on design, schedule, and construction
- Complete by Spring 2007
- Project cost: \$4.8 Million





Providence Projects

- **Woonasquatucket Bike Trail**
 - Bike trail along river from Providence Mall to eventually Burrville
 - Currently constructing Phase II from Valley Street to Buttonhole Golf Course
 - Open by Spring 2007, with Fall 2007 landscaping
 - Project cost: \$5.1 Million
- **City of Providence 1R funding**
 - RIDOT funded, City handling design and construction
 - Eddy Street, Cranston Street, Hope Street, Hawkins Street, Woodward Road
 - 2 contracts worth \$1.3 Million and \$1.4 Million
 - Work already started and will be completed this year



Providence Projects Continued

- **Elmwood Avenue 1R**
 - Roadway resurfacing, replace curb and sidewalks, minor drainage work
 - Start construction in Spring of 2007
 - Project cost: \$3 Million
- **Downtown ADA sidewalk improvements**
 - Improve sidewalks, install wheel chair ramps, and remove sidewalk obstructions
 - Weybosset Street, Washington Street, Dorrance Street
 - Start construction in Spring of 2007
 - Project cost: \$1 Million
- **Downtown Traffic Circulation**
 - Making 1-way streets into 2-way streets
 - Project cost: \$3.5 Million



Providence Projects Continued

- **Providence Performing Arts Center (PPAC)**
 - Streetscape and landscaping
 - Project cost: \$750,000
- **South Main Street ADA sidewalk improvements**
 - Improve sidewalks, crosswalks, and remove obstructions
 - Project cost: \$1.5 Million, funding pending
- **Dean Street, Cahir Street, & Steward Street**
 - Roadway widening, traffic improvements, sidewalks
 - Project cost: \$4 Million, funding pending



Route 6/10 Interchange

- Complete interchange redesign and reconstruction
 - Replace deteriorating bridges
 - Replace obsolete roadway geometrics and design
 - Increase capacity
- Final Environmental Impact Statement completed December 2005
- Record of Decision issued July 2006
- Pending funding approval
- Project cost: \$230 Million





Commuter Rail Service



- **Increasing Commuter Rail Service**
 - Less vehicles on roadways, reduces parking demands
- **Phase I: 20-mile extension from Providence to Wickford Junction**
 - Warwick Intermodal Station at TF Green Airport, \$220 Million
 - Wickford Junction Station, \$40 Million
 - Complete by mid 2009
- **Phase II: Adding train stations**
 - Kingstown and Westerly
 - Possibly East Greenwich and Cranston
 - At design consultant selection phase
- **Other Expansion Possibilities:**
 - Pawtucket
 - Woonsocket

